THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No :16634 OF 2007

DATED:03-08-2007

BETWEEN:

Khaja Electronics computerized
Childrens T.V.Video Games,
Rep., by its owner,
Khaja Baseeruddin,
Karwan,
Hyderabad.

.....
PETITIONER

AND

The Commissioner of Police,
Twin Cities of Hyderabad & another.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for the respondents.

2. This writ petition is filed to direct the respondents herein not to interfere in the petitioner's Electronic Computerized Children T.V.Video Games shop.

3. Khaja Electronics Computerized Children's T.V.Video Games, seeks a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabd, and Station House Officer, Karwan, Hyderabad, not to interfere with the petitioner's Video Games Shop and not to take any coercive steps against the petitioner. It is the case of the petitioner that he is not required to take any licence under A.P. Gambling Act, and therefore, any interference is illegal.

4. This Court disposed of WP.No.16596 of 2003 and other similar cases, with certain observations and giving certain directions. Following the order in WP.No.16596 of 2003, present Writ Petition is also disposed of with the following observations and directions:

1. Petitioner who is running the games center for playing video games is not

required to take out any licence under the A.P. Gambling Act;

2. It is not suggested that the licence is required under the provisions of any other Act;

3. The Respondent-Police Officers have no power to interfere with the running of centers for playing video games on the electronic equipment on the ground that the petitioner does not possess the licence; and

4. If it is felt that the petitioner has contravened any of the provisions of the A.P. Gambling Act, it is open for the authorities to take action to prosecute the petitioner.

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V.ESWARAIAH,J

03rd August, 2007.

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